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Sri M. PALANIYANDI :—" நிர்வாகத்தில் **(Executive)** இருக்கக்கூடிய ஒரு மாஜிஸ்ட்ரேட் இந்த விஷயத்தை விசாரிக்கவிடாது, நீதி பரிபாலனத்தில் **(Judiciary)** இருக்கக்கூடிய ஒரு மாஜிஸ்ட்ரேட் இதை விசாரிக்க சர்க்கார் அனுமதிப்பார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" In this case, there is absolutely no necessity. If there had been some *prima facie* case, then I might have considered the suggestion."

Sale of free market rice by co-operative societies.

* 145 *Q*.—Sri S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the co-operative societies, which hold " fair price shop " licences, are allowed to sell free market rice;

(*b*) whether such facilities are given to private " fair price shop " licence-holders; and

(*c*) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) & (*c*) No. The fair price shop-keepers in derationed areas except those in the ex-statutorily rationed urban areas of the State, were permitted to undertake trade in open market paddy or rice from 1st February 1953, after disposing of the balances of Government paddy or rice stocks held by them on 1st February 1953. The fair price shop dealers in the ex-statutory rationed urban areas are not permitted to trade in the open market paddy or rice as it was apprehended that they might misuse the Government stocks, supplied for issue through the fair price shops, for sale along with the open market stocks and it might not be possible effectively to check such malpractices with the existing skeleton rationing staff."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" கோவாப்பரேடிவ் ஸ்டோர்கள் கீழ் ரேஷன் ஷாப்புகள் வைத்து கண்ட்ரோல் விலையில் விற்கச்சொல்லியிருக்கும்போது, அவைகளுக்குமட்டும் **open market**-ல் அரிசியையும் விற்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் அனுமதி கொடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள். ஆனால் அதே சமயத்தில் சர்க்காரிடம் லைசென்ஸ் வாங்கி, டிபாசிட் கட்டி, நம்பிக்கை வாய்ந்தவர்கள் என்று கருதப்படும் தனிப்பட்ட நபர்கள் மட்டும் அவ் வியாபாரம் செய்வதற்கு அனுமதிக்கப்படவில்லை. இந்த வித்தியாசம் என் காட்டப்படுகிறது ? இருவருக்கும் ஒரே மாதிரியான சலுகை காட்ட சர்க்கார் உத்தேசிப்பார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am glad the hon. Member is taking up the cause of ration shop holders. But we have to take into account the fact that co-operative societies are also checked by Government officials. Therefore, any malpractices there, could be easily checked by Government. That is why we gave permission with regard to co-operative societies and refused permission to private trade."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" தனிப்பட்ட வியாபாரிகள் தில்லு முல்லு செய்வார்கள் அல்லது குற்றம் செய்வார்கள் என்று சர்க்காருக்கு நிச்சய

மாகத் தெரிந்தால், அவர்கள் எல்லோரையும் ஒழித்துவிட்டு பூரா வியாபாரத்தையும் கோவாபரேடிவ் சொஸைட்டிகளிடம் ஒப்படைக்க யோசனை செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There are not sufficient number of co-operative societies coming forward to take this up. Preference is given to the co-operative societies always."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, which rice is cheaper, the rice sold in the fair price shops or in the open market? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It goes on varying. Sometimes one is cheaper and at other times the open market rice is cheaper."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, in answer to sub-clause (*a*) of the main question, the Hon. Minister said that free market rice was also allowed to be sold by co-operative societies. Is this concession applicable to producer-*cum*-consumer co-operative societies in Malabar also? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, Malabar is a peculiar land and I would like to have notice to answer that question."

Ban on the drama " Ayulthandanai ".

* 146 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM (on behalf of Sri A. Govindaswamy Nayagar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have banned the drama " Ayulthandanai (Life sentence) " written by M. R. Radha; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) There is a prosecution pending and the matter is therefore *sub judice*."

(The hon. Member Sri A. Ratnam stood up in his seat.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" When the matter is *sub judice*, the hon. Member should not put supplementary questions."

Disbursement of bonus to N.G.Os. not connected with the N.G.O.s' strike.

* 147 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the bonus granted to Non-Gazetted Officers was disbursed to those who did not participate in the Non-Gazetted Officers' strike that took place in the year 1947;

(*b*) if so, the number of Non-Gazetted Officers who were granted this bonus and the number to whom it was actually paid;